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Dear student:

Thank you for your interest in the 8th Senate District Asian and Pacific Islander American (APIA) Heritage Month Student Essay Contest. Please read the instructions on the following pages to submit your essays correctly.

The top three winning entries along with their parents will receive a VIP tour of the State Capitol. In addition, they will get to have lunch with Senator Speier as well as an honorable mention in the 8th District Newsletter. Remember to submit your essay by the May 1, 2006 deadline.

If you have any questions about the Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month Student Essay Contest, need additional cover sheets for other interested contestants, or have questions about the contest, please call Susan Hsieh or Alex Damsgaard at (415) 557-7857.

Each year the California Legislature recognizes May as APIA Heritage Month in commemoration of the notable accomplishments and outstanding service of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans. Communities throughout California and the nation will be honoring this special occasion and I look forward to reading your thoughts and opinions as we join together during this statewide celebration of diversity.

Please call (415) 557-7857 with any questions.

State Senator Jackie Speier

**Asian & Pacific Islander American Heritage Month
Student Essay Contest**

The month of May is officially recognized by the State of California as Asian & Pacific Islander American Heritage Month. As part of that celebration, I am sponsoring an essay contest.

Eligibility: Contest is open to all high-school and undergraduate college/university students in the 8th Senate District which includes the cities of San Francisco, Brisbane, Daly City, Colma, South San Francisco, San Bruno, Pacifica, Millbrae, Burlingame, Hillsborough, San Mateo, Foster City, Belmont, Woodside, Portola Valley, Half Moon Bay, and the communities of Broadmoor, Montara, Pescadero and Moss Beach.

Read the following quote and respond to the following question.

"To me success means effectiveness in the world, that I am able to carry my ideas and values into the world - that I am able to change it in positive ways."--Maxine Hong Kingston

What does success mean to you?

Personal information

Name: _____

College grade level (please circle): 1st year 2nd year 3rd year 4th year

School: _____

Local address:

(Number & Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

E-Mail: _____ *all correspondence will be handled by email

Contest instructions

Please fill out this cover sheet and attach it to the front of your essay. All essays must be typed on 8½ x 11 in. white paper and consist of no more than 1,000 words. Please include your name on all sheets.

Mail completed entries by the postmark date of Monday, May 1, 2006 to:

Office of State Senator Jackie Speier
Attn: Student Essay Contest
455 Golden Gate, Suite 14200
San Francisco, CA 94102

By signing this form, I attest that all information provided on this form is accurate and that I am the sole and original author of the submitted essay.

Contestant's Signature _____ Date _____

Please call (415) 557-7857 with any questions.